

What You Can Do If The Social Security Administration Is Planning To Stop Your Supplementary Security Income (SSI) Disability Benefits.

If you receive SSI benefits and turn 18 years old, the Social Security Administration (SSA) can decide that you are no longer able to receive SSI benefits. This is because there is a different standard for receiving adult SSI disability benefits than the standards for children.

If you receive a notice from SSA that says SSA is redetermining your eligibility for SSI, you **must respond** to the notice and cooperate with the staff person that is doing the redetermination. To respond, you must fill out the paperwork SSA sends you and send it back to SSA.

In order to keep your benefits, you **must be able to show** that:

- 1) you cannot perform any kind of work because of a medical and/or psychological impairment(s) and
- 2) your impairment(s) has lasted or is expected to last for a continuous period of 12 months.

SSA will want to know about **sources of documentation** to support your disability claim. You should tell them about:

- all your medical treating sources including doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, therapists, etc.
- all your non-medical sources who might know about your medical and/or psychological limitations (social workers, case managers, teachers, school counselors, family, and friends)
- your recent school(s) and school records
- any training to learn a job or efforts at working, including summer jobs.

If SSA decides you are no longer disabled as an adult, you **can appeal** their determination by asking for a hearing *and* you can ask SSA to continue your benefits until SSA holds a hearing and decides your case.

You can appeal by contacting the SSA office.

You must file your appeal within 10 days of receiving the termination notice to keep receiving your SSI benefits during your appeal.

It is always a good idea to **find a lawyer to help you if your** disability benefits are being discontinued.